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SUBJECT NPG-31 AUGUST STAFF GROUP MEETING

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1. DPG STAFF GROUP (SG) ON 31 AUGUST APPROVED REF (A) FOR
ISSUANCE AS A PERM REPS WORKING PAPER DRAFT AGENDA FOR NPG
MINISTERIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE HAGUE ON NOVEMBER 6-7,
1973. TEXT POUCHED STATE AND ISA. POINTS OF DISCUSSION
INCLUDED FOLLOWING: (A) U.S. CLINARD) NOTED THAT, WHILE WE
HAD RECIEVED NO FORMAL NOTIFICATION THAT SECDEF WOULD PRESENT
STRATEGIC BRIEFING (ITEM I ON AGENDA), WE EXPECTED THAT THIS
WOULD BE THE CASE (B) CANADA (BECKETT) NOTED ABSENCE OF
ITEM ON FOLLOW-ON USE PROGRAM, AND ASKED ABOUT STATUS REPORT
ON WORK OF PHASE II STUDY TEAM. U.S. REPLIED THAT STUDY TEAM
EXPECTED TO APPROVE A STATUS REPORT (PROBABLY NON-
SUBSTANTIVE) AT WASHING MEETING SEPT 12-14. BECKETT
NOTED HIS HOPE THAT THIS STATUS REPORT WOULD INCLUDE SOME
ESTIMATE OF WHEN PHASE II WORK MIGHT BE COMPLETED, AND HIS
PREFERENCE THAT IT BE CONSIDERED BY NPG PERM REPS AT THEIR
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MEETING ON 4 OCTOBER. (C) CHAIRMAN (SEIM) MENTIONED THAT
THERE MIGHT BE A NEED TO INCLUDE SOME MENTION OF NUCLEAR
MATTERS IN DPC PERM REPS REPORT TO DPC MINISTERS ON FOLLOW-
UP TO U.S. IMITIATIVES AT JUNE DPC. HE SAW NO NEED, HOW-

EVER, TO INCLUDE THIS MATTER ON THE NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA, AND METHOD OF HANDLING THE NEED, IF IT ARISES, WAS LEFT OPEN. (D) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY CANADA, U.S. AND SHAPE, CHAIRMAN SAID THAT PRM REPS WOULD NOT BE ASKED TO AGREE TO DCUMENT LISTED UNDER ITEM VI ON AGENDA (FUTURE WORK PROGRAM), BUT THAT DOCUMENT WOULD SIMPLY CONTAIN SUGGESTIONS BY SYG AS TO POSSIBLE FUTURE AVENUES OF WORK FOR THE NPG. ACTUAL DETERMINATION OF FUTURE WORK PROGRAM WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DECIDED BY MINISTERS THEMSELVES. HE WILL , NEVERTHELESS, CIRCULATE A DRAFT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT TO SG FOR COMMENTS.

2. SG HAD PRELIMINARY AND RATHER UNPRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF REF (B), DRAFT PERM REPS REPORT ON SHAPE STUDY CONCERNING EARLY COMBINED USE. DISCUSSION WILL BE RESUMED AT NEXT SG MEETING ON 4 SEPTEMBER.
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